

MOTION BY SUPERVISORS GLORIA MOLINA AND DON KNABE March 13, 2007

There are eighty-one school districts in Los Angeles County. Foster children are enrolled in many of them. Some school districts succeed more than others at providing required services. As a County, we must educate school districts and hold them accountable to provide for these vulnerable children who do not have parents to advocate for them. The Board of Supervisors is uniquely able to do so, because we have a relationship with the Los Angeles County Office of Education and the Education Coordinating Council. These agencies can facilitate this effort and target training to school districts to help the school districts serve foster children better.

With the proposed education consultants, we have an opportunity to track the experience of foster children in the County's school districts.

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Burke	_____
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Antonovich	_____
Yaroslavsky	_____

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors instruct the Director of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to prepare a report biannually with substantive, measurable data on the performance of school districts in providing educational services for foster children and report back in 60 days on:

- 1) The method DCFS will use to track data on the referrals received by the education consultants such as whether, when serving our foster children, school districts:
 - Complete special education assessments and Individualized Education Plans appropriately and in a timely manner;
 - Comply with due process requirements when suspending, expelling and ordering “opportunity transfers”;
 - Enroll children in a timely manner;
 - Provide school records in a timely manner;
 - Award partial credit when appropriate;
 - Provide tutoring and academic mentoring.
- 2) The format DCFS will use to prepare a report with substantive, measurable data and evaluation provided.